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- 1. FONOFF CONFIRMED REPORT CONTAINED REFTEL THAT DALAI LAMA WOULD VISIT AUSTRIA NOVEMBER 4-7. ACCORDING SOURCE, GOA AGREED TO VISIT WITH RELUCTANCE BUT FELT IT COULD HARDLY REFUSE VISAS IN VIEW OF ITS DOCUMENTED RECORD OF ASSISTANCE IN REFUGEE MATTERS.
- 2. GOA HAS, HOWEVER, TIED ISSUANCE OF VISA TO FIRM COMMITMENT FROM DALAI LAMA TO REFRAIN FROM ALL POTLITICAL ACTIVITY. VISIT THEREFORE BEING BILLED AS STRICTLY PRIVATE ONE WITH FOCUS ON CULTURAL, RELIGIOUS MATTERS. CHINESE EMBASSY HERE HAS THUS FAR NOT ATTEMPTED TO INTERVENE WITH FONOFF IN EFFORT TO FORESTALL VISIT.
- 3. ACCORDING SOURCE, DALAI LAMA WILL BE STAYING AT RESIDENCE OF CARDINAL KOENIG WHO,INCIDENTALLY, IS HEAD OF VATICAN CONGREGATION FOR NON-CHRISTIANS. MINISCULE BUDDHIST SOCIETY OF AUSTRIA, UNOFFICIAL HOST FOR VISIT, CONFIDENTIAL

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